# JUVENILE BOARD MEETING

# VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 12:00 P.M.

JUDGE LINA HIDALGO, CHAIR

FIRST AGENDA

JUDGES:

Danilo Lacayo

Julia Maldonado

Leah Shapiro

Michelle Moore

Natalia Oakes Richard Vara

Tanya Garrison

STAFF:

Henry Gonzales

Executive Director

Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, on June 26, 2020 Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order No. GA-28 which, among other things, directs that all persons not otherwise excepted by the order should not be in groups larger than ten and should maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group. Accordingly, this meeting of the Harris County Juvenile Board will be held by videoconference pursuant to Tex. Govt. Code § 551.127 as modified by the decree of the Governor of Texas temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

#### To All Interested Parties:

Notice is hereby given that a video conference meeting of the Harris County Juvenile Board will be held on **Wednesday**, **September 23**, **2020** at **12:00** p.m. All interested parties are invited to access this meeting at: <a href="https://harriscounty.webex.com/harriscounty/onstage/g.php?MTID=e4981075889c5b6c43084a67622cfe6fb">https://harriscounty.webex.com/harriscounty/onstage/g.php?MTID=e4981075889c5b6c43084a67622cfe6fb</a> — name and email will be required to register. Members of the public wishing to address the Board during the meeting should follow the registration procedures found on the last page of this agenda. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider and take action on matters brought before the Board as indicated below.

## I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

# II. OLD BUSINESS

#### III. NEW BUSINESS

Certification that pre-adjudication (Juvenile Detention Center) and post-adjudication (Harris County Leadership Academy and Burnett Bayland Reception Center) county facilities operated under the auspices of the Harris County Juvenile Board are suitable for the confinement of children, and approval of each facility's policies and procedures.

Authorization of the certification for Henry Gonzales, Chief Juvenile Probation
Officer/Executive Director with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department pursuant to
§344.860(a)(1) of the Texas Administrative Code.

Gonzales

3. Authorization to execute a memorandum of understanding with the City Houston (COH) to provide one Certified Juvenile Probation Officer to the My Brother's Keeper Initiative's ReDirect Diversion Program to provide intervention and case management services to youth who are delinquent or at-risk.

Gonzales

4. Approval of an agreement with Region 4 Education Service Center for TxEIS Technology Services and Support for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Excel Academy Charter School for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department through August 31, 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$30,109.

Gonzales

5. Approval of an award on the basis of best proposals meeting requirements and agreements with AMIkids, Inc. and Houston Wee Care Shelter, Inc. for Supplemental Non-Secure Residential Services for Youth with Significant Behavioral and/or Psychological Problems for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department for the term September 23, 2020 through August 31, 2021 with four (4) one-year renewal options.

Gonzales/ Purchasing

6. Approval of the second of four (4) renewal options with Renewed Strength, Inc. for Supplemental Non-Secure Residential Services for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department through August 31, 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Gonzales/ Purchasing

7. Approval of the fourth and final renewal option with Howard William Johnson dba Howard Johnson's Catering Service for Food Catering Services for the Harris County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program for the term through July 31, 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$140,000.

Gonzales/ Purchasing

8. Authorization to reject proposals for Supplemental Non-Secure Residential Services for Victims of Human Trafficking for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department received on March 2, 2020.

Gonzales/ Purchasing

### IV. STATUS REPORTS

 Agency Overview: Charter School and JJAEP Updates Residential Services Detention Psychiatric Unit Executive Report Recent Updates/Changes Gonzales

2. Litigation and Legal Update

Ramsey/ Risner

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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SEAL

The Juvenile Board may take action on any item listed on this agenda. The Juvenile Board may announce that it will go into executive session on any item listed on this agenda if the subject matter is permitted by law for a closed session. The agenda is available online at <a href="https://hcjpd.harriscountytx.gov/Pages/Juvenile-Board.aspx">https://hcjpd.harriscountytx.gov/Pages/Juvenile-Board.aspx</a>. The open portions of this meeting will be recorded and made available to the public upon request.

For those persons requiring special accommodations or to sign up to comment on an agenda item, please contact Pamela Ramirez at <a href="mailto:Pamela.Ramirez@hcjpd.hctx.net">Pamela.Ramirez@hcjpd.hctx.net</a> or 713-222-4812 at the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department at least 24 hours in advance.

REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: In accordance with the Governor's suspension of certain requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA) during the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, members of the public wishing to address the Board during the meeting should email Pamela Ramirez at <a href="Pamela.Ramirez@hcjpd.hctx.net">Pamela.Ramirez@hcjpd.hctx.net</a> at least 24 hours in advance and provide their full name, phone number, and identify the agenda item they wish to speak on. You will be placed in a queue and will receive a phone call on the day of the meeting when it is your time to speak. Members of the public may also submit public comments to the board via e-mail at <a href="Pamela.Ramirez@hcjpd.hctx.net">Pamela.Ramirez@hcjpd.hctx.net</a>.